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(ii) The reference apparently is to the resolution moved in the Council on 30th March 1915 by Mr. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar and seconded by the late Sir A. T. G. M. Ahmed Tambi Marakkayar recommending that a special officer be deputed to inquire into the causes of the decline in the number of minor ports in this Presidency and in the trade in many of them and to suggest measures for improving their number and developing their trade. The resolution was finally withdrawn with the permission of the President and the question of Government's acceptance of the resolution did not arise.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam :—" May I know whether Government have realized the urgent necessity for providing transport facilities for the removal of paddy in the Tanjore district; and if so, will they consider the possibility of the opening up of some of those ports? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes :—" That is also under consideration. We have appointed a special officer to go into the whole question and his report is now under the consideration of Government."

Education

Restoration of stipends for pupil-teachers in elementary and secondary training schools.

* 492 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to restore the cut in the stipends of pupil-teachers in elementary training schools in 1932–33;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received from pupil-teachers in secondary training schools for the restoration of stipends from next year; and

(*c*) if so, what the Government propose to do in the matter?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No representation has been received by Government.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why Government do not propose to restore the cut? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" These cuts have been made as a permanent measure and not as a temporary one."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Was it done because Government thought the fall in prices would be a permanent one? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" No, Sir, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee who went carefully into the matter."

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Was the recommendation of the Committee to give retrospective effect?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"This question does not relate to retrospective effect."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL WARDS IN MADURA.

* Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar:—"Sir, I beg leave of the House for moving an adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the proceedings of the Government in the Local Self-Government Department notifying the division of the Madura Municipal Council wards in Notification No. 54 in the *Fort St. George Gazette* Extraordinary issued on 19th January 1933."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"I second it."

* The hon. the President:—"I wish the hon. Member will convince me about the urgency as well as the great public importance. If he satisfies me about them, I shall consider the admissibility of the motion."

* Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar:—"I am glad the hon. the President has called upon me to explain . . . ."

* The hon. the President:—"I don't want a long speech over that."

* Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar:—"The fact is that the Madura Municipality was previously divided into eighteen electoral wards in the last elections, which were held previous to the supersession. In 1931 when the Municipal Council was functioning, for over a period of about three months from April to June, the Municipal Council took up and considered the question of the re-division of wards. Public notice was given to all the inhabitants and interests concerned to give them an opportunity to make adequate and proper representations of their objections or otherwise in the matter. The Municipal Council made its own proposals, and eventually the Inspector of Municipalities went down from here and was present at the meeting of the Municipal Council to help them in arriving at a fair re-distribution of the wards. In accordance with his advice and in consultation with him the Municipal Council drew up a scheme of wards. And in this the Inspector himself acted not only in consultation with the Municipal Council but also on the representations of various interests concerned. He acted only after satisfying himself as to what was the most equitable and fairest mode of distribution, due regard being had to the interests of various communities and vested interests. Eventually Government approved that scheme and notified it on 16th June 1931. There was some little discontent apparently in some quarters; a representation was made to the Government, and the Government enquired into it, found it to be baseless, and confirmed that redistribution by issuing a Government Order in